



ENVISION  
**CONTRA COSTA 2040**

**Byron Community Meeting #2**

8/20/2019

# Workshop Agenda

- » Welcome and Introductions
- » Presentation:
  - Envision Contra Costa 2040 Overview
  - Community Guidance
- » Q&A
- » Small Group Conversations
- » Reports Back
- » Next Steps



# Envision Contra Costa 2040



**General  
Plan**



**Zoning  
Code**



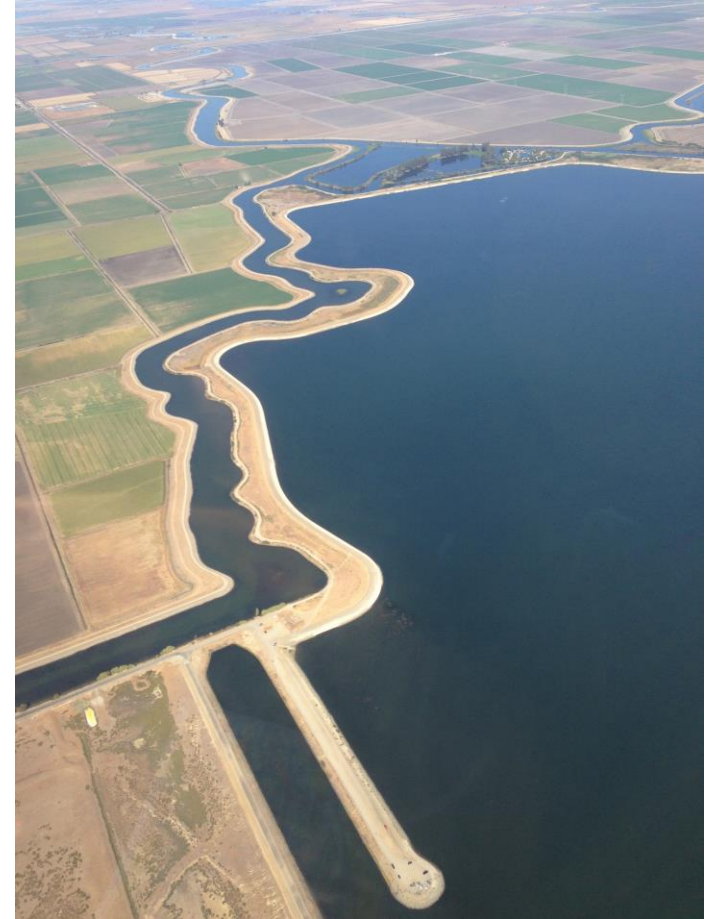
**Climate  
Action  
Plan**

**Environmental Impact Report**

# What is the General Plan?

## » “Constitution” for development and conservation

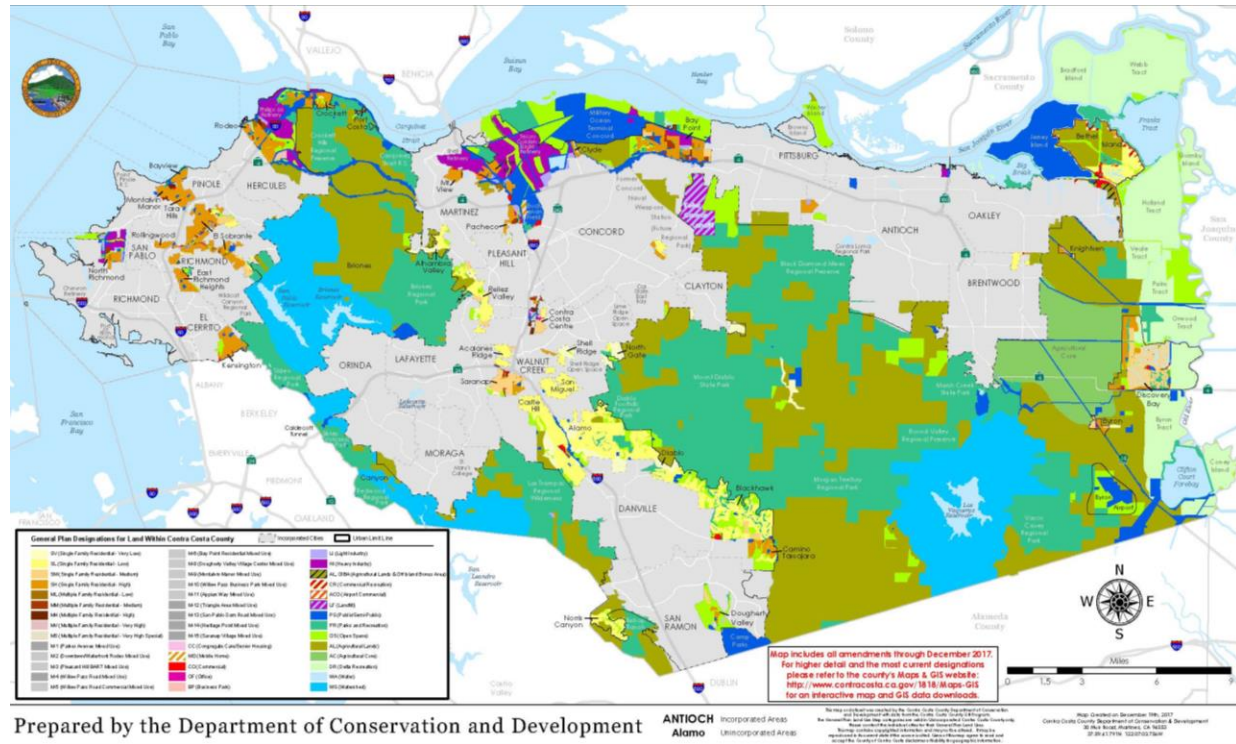
- Establishes countywide vision and supporting goals, policies, and implementation measures
- Provides consistent direction for future development
- Balances growth, conservation, and quality of life
- Documents baseline environmental conditions





# Land Use Map

- » Development standards for each land use designation
  - Maximum residential density (housing units per acre)
  - Maximum nonresidential floor area ratio (FAR)
- » Framework for zoning map



# What is the Zoning Code?

- » Zoning map and districts
- » Regulations that control physical development
  - Allowed uses
  - Permitting requirements
  - Specific site development standards – setbacks, parking, lighting, signage, fences, trash enclosures, etc.
- » **General Plan vs. Zoning Code**
  - Zoning Codes implement the General Plan with specific development regulations, e.g.:
    - General Plan = “Commercial”
    - Zoning Code = “Local Commercial”

# Climate Action Plan (CAP) Update

## » What is the CAP?

- Sets targets for reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in the county
- Establishes a plan to reach those targets
- Implements the climate-related policy direction of the General Plan



## » Why is the CAP being updated?

- State law has changed since the CAP was adopted (in 2015)
- New strategies are available to reduce pollution
- Evolving understanding of resilience and adaptation
- Opportunity to improve how the CAP is implemented
- More extensive support for greater equity
- CAP can better integrate with the new General Plan

# CAP Update

» CAP identifies steps to reduce pollution in county

» Every aspect of the community

- Efficient buildings
- Clean energy
- Transportation and land use
- Waste
- Water

» How to get involved

- Sustainability Commission Meetings August 26, October 21, December 9
- Community meetings specific to CAP in September (dates tbd)
- Contact County Sustainability Coordinator, Jody London, [Jody.London@dcd.cccounty.us](mailto:Jody.London@dcd.cccounty.us), 925-674-7871





# Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

- » **California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires disclosure of a project's potential impacts on the physical environment**
- » **EIR must:**
  - Disclose information about the effects the project could have on the physical environment
  - Identify mitigation measures, if necessary
  - Describe feasible alternatives to the proposed project
- » **Public review**
  - Initial 30-day scoping period – tell us what to analyze
  - Minimum 45-day review of Draft EIR – comment on the analysis

# Envision Contra Costa 2040 Process

Phase	Schedule
<b>Existing Conditions</b>	<b>Winter 2018 – Spring 2019</b>
<b>Countywide Updates &amp; Community Profiles</b>	<b>Spring – Fall 2019</b>
<b>Draft General Plan, Zoning Code, and Climate Action Plan</b>	<b>Summer 2019 – Winter 2019/2020</b>
<b>Environmental Impact Report and Fiscal Analysis</b>	<b>Fall 2019 – Summer 2020</b>
<b>Public Review and Adoption</b>	<b>Summer – Winter 2020</b>

# Opportunities for Public Involvement

- » [Envisioncontracosta2040.org](https://www.envisioncontracosta2040.org)
- » Online Questions
- » Community-Based Meetings
- » Focused Meetings
- » Sustainability Commission
- » Planning Commission
- » Board of Supervisors



# Community Workshop #1

## » Assets

- Small-town, rural feel with quaint amenities
- Historic downtown
- Tourism opportunities

## » Challenges

- Downtown vitality
- Traffic safety, truck traffic, and road infrastructure
- Trail connections
- Zoning restrictions and governmental coordination



# General Plan Community Guidance

## » Community Profile

- Context
  - Character
  - History
  - Demographics
  - Hazards and vulnerabilities
- Guidance
  - Guiding principles
  - Policies
  - Actions



**Community Workshop #1**



**Community Workshop #2**

## » Next Workshop

- Review draft profile



# Workshop Exercise

## » Break into small groups and discuss draft guiding principles:

- Are any important guiding principles missing?
- Should draft guiding principles be changed or removed?
- How should the County work to achieve the objectives identified in the principles?

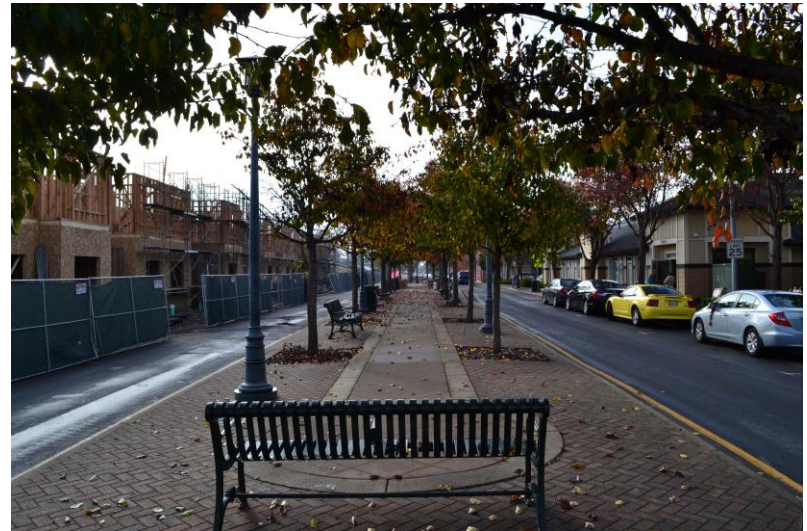
## » Guiding principle themes

- Community character
- Mobility
- Housing
- Recreation and access to nature
- Safety and resiliency

# Workshop Exercise

## » Reports Back

- Choose a representative from your small group
- Representative summarizes highlights of your small group discussion to the larger group
- Keep reports brief (1 to 2 minutes)



# Next Steps

- » Continue second round of community meetings
  - Bayview, Montalvin Manor & Tara Hills: August 27, 2019
  - El Sobrante: September 4, 2019
- » Sustainability Commission Meeting: August 26, 2019
- » Focused meetings
- » Monitor website for updates:

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